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To redesignate General Grant National Memorial as Grant's Tomb National Monument, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grant’s Tomb National
5 Monument Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) Ulysses S. Grant has been heralded as a na-
9 tional hero by his contemporaries and by generations
10 thereafter;

1 (2) Ulysses S. Grant led the Union Army to
 2 victory, bringing to an end the Civil War in 1865,
 3 assuring the preservation of the United States, and
 4 ensuring the emancipation of United States slaves;

5 (3) Ulysses S. Grant served as the 18th Presi-
 6 dent of the United States from 1869 through 1877;

7 (4) Ulysses S. Grant demonstrated his commit-
 8 ment to maintaining the rights of freed slaves by
 9 executing his authority as Commander in Chief to
 10 command Federal troops to protect the rights and
 11 freedoms of former slaves; and

12 (5) Ulysses S. Grant demonstrated his commit-
 13 ment to rebuilding the United States and restoring
 14 unity among the people of the United States.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

16 (1) to recognize and pay tribute to Ulysses S.
 17 Grant, both as a general and as a former President
 18 of the United States;

19 (2) to restore, complete, and preserve in per-
 20 petuity the Grant’s Tomb National Monument and
 21 surrounding areas that are of national historical sig-
 22 nificance in a manner consistent with the architec-
 23 tural, historical, and educational value of the monu-
 24 ment’s original design and purpose; and

1 (3) to educate present and future generations
2 about the life of Ulysses S. Grant and his contribu-
3 tions to the United States.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **MONUMENT.**—The term “monument”
7 means the monument redesignated as Grant’s Tomb
8 National Monument under section 4(a).

9 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

11 (3) **TOMB.**—The term “tomb” means the tomb
12 of Ulysses S. Grant.

13 **SEC. 4. REDESIGNATION OF MEMORIAL AND ADMINISTRA-**
14 **TION OF GRANT’S TOMB NATIONAL MONU-**
15 **MENT.**

16 (a) **REDESIGNATION.**—General Grant National Me-
17 morial, located at Riverside Drive and West 122d Street
18 in New York, New York, is redesignated as Grant’s Tomb
19 National Monument.

20 (b) **AREA INCLUDED.**—The monument shall consist
21 of the tomb and the surrounding plaza area, as generally
22 depicted on the map entitled “Grant’s Tomb National
23 Monument” and dated April 27, 1994. The map shall be
24 on file and available for public inspection in the offices
25 of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

1 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
 2 ister, repair, restore, preserve, maintain, and promote the
 3 monument in accordance with this Act and with the provi-
 4 sions of law generally applicable to units of the National
 5 Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act to estab-
 6 lish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-
 7 proved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

8 (d) VISITORS CENTER.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall design
 10 and construct a visitors center (including public rest-
 11 rooms) at the monument to aid in the interpretation
 12 and maintain the historical significance of the monu-
 13 ment.

14 (2) CONSULTATION AND DESIGN.—The visitors
 15 center shall—

16 (A) be established in consultation with the
 17 study commission established under section 5;
 18 and

19 (B) be designed in a manner that—

20 (i) is consistent with the existing ar-
 21 chitectural and historical intent of the site;
 22 and

23 (ii) does not detract from the histori-
 24 cal interpretation and the scenic views of
 25 the monument and the existing park area.

1 **SEC. 5. LAND ACQUISITION; LEASE OR COOPERATIVE MAN-**
2 **AGEMENT AGREEMENT.**

3 (a) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary shall acquire
4 from the city of New York non-Federal lands, located
5 within the monument as depicted on the map referred to
6 in section 4(b), by donation, purchase with donated or ap-
7 propriated funds, or exchange.

8 (b) LEASE OR COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREE-
9 MENT.—To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary may—

11 (1) lease non-Federal land located within the
12 boundary of the monument; or

13 (2) enter into a cooperative agreement for the
14 management of non-Federal land located within the
15 boundary of the monument.

16 **SEC. 6. STUDY COMMISSION.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 shall establish a study commission of 7 persons,
21 which shall be composed of—

22 (A) the president and at least 3 members
23 of the executive committee of the Grant Monu-
24 ment Association;

25 (B) representatives of the community sur-
26 rounding the monument; and

1 (C) citizens with a unique knowledge or ex-
 2 pertise relating to the monument.

3 (2) GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—No officer or
 4 employee of the Federal Government or a State or
 5 local government is eligible for membership on the
 6 study commission.

7 (3) WITHOUT PAY.—Members of the study
 8 commission shall serve without pay.

9 (4) CHAIR.—The members of the study com-
 10 mission shall designate a chair of the study commis-
 11 sion.

12 (5) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—On
 13 request of the study commission, the Secretary shall
 14 furnish on a reimbursable basis such administrative
 15 support services (including staff, supplies, and facili-
 16 ties) as are necessary for the study commission to
 17 carry out its duties under subsection (b).

18 (b) DUTIES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The study commission
 20 shall—

21 (A) review security and maintenance of the
 22 monument;

23 (B) plan for interpretive programs of the
 24 monument;

1 (C) plan for the complete restoration of the
2 monument;

3 (D) submit a study in accordance with
4 paragraph (2);

5 (E) monitor the progress of repairs being
6 made to the tomb; and

7 (F) submit reports to the Secretary and to
8 Congress on the progress of any repairs being
9 made to the tomb.

10 (2) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of the study commission's first meeting, the
12 study commission shall submit a written study of the
13 monument to the Secretary, which shall include the
14 following:

15 (A) Proposed measures to improve secu-
16 rity, maintenance, and interpretive programs of
17 the monument, including such improvements as
18 may be required to be carried out by April 27,
19 1999. The proposed measures shall be based on
20 the original plans of the architect of the tomb,
21 John H. Duncan, and the plans of architect
22 John Russell Pope, approved in 1928 by the
23 Grant Monument Association.

1 (B) An estimate of the capital costs and
 2 general operating costs of implementing the
 3 measures proposed under subparagraph (A).

4 (c) FINAL PLAN.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
 6 the date on which the study is submitted to the Sec-
 7 retary under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall
 8 review and evaluate the study and submit to Con-
 9 gress a final plan for the projects at the monument
 10 to be fully completed by April 27, 1999.

11 (2) CONSISTENCY WITH STUDY.—The final plan
 12 shall be consistent with the study, except for any as-
 13 pect of the study that the Secretary reports to Con-
 14 gress—

15 (A) is unreasonable;

16 (B) is inconsistent with the existing archi-
 17 tectural, historical, or educational intent of the
 18 site;

19 (C) would detract from, distort, or other-
 20 wise compromise the historical interpretation or
 21 scenic views of the monument; or

22 (D) would conflict with the purpose of this
 23 Act described in section 2(b).

24 (3) DESIGN.—The final plan shall contain a de-
 25 sign for the site that—

1 (A) is consistent with the architectural and
2 historical intent of the site; and

3 (B) does not detract from or distort the
4 historical interpretation or scenic views of the
5 monument and the existing park area.

6 (d) MEETINGS.—

7 (1) OPEN MEETINGS.—All meetings of the
8 study commission shall be open to the public.

9 (2) INTERESTED PERSONS.—An interested per-
10 son may attend a meeting of the study commission,
11 appear before the study commission, or file a state-
12 ment related to the purposes of this Act with the
13 study commission.

14 (e) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
15 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the study commission.

16 (f) TERMINATION.—The study commission shall ter-
17 minate 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

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